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FUNNY FEATURES OF THE FAIR.

A Waxen Woman, an Iron Man, A Cotton Darkey, and Other Odd Objects.

Quaint and curious are many of the objects on exhibition at the World's Fair. Several of the states vie with each other in presenting the oddest freaks of human conception to exploit their respective products. Some of these creations provoke broad smiles, not to say hearty laughter, but all are useful in showing forth some leading product of the state to which they belong.

California sends several such exhibits. One is a horse made entirely of hops. In size and appearance this figure looks just like a real horse, and some of the athletic girls who have seen the animal in the Palace of Agriculture have remarked facetiously that they would like to harness "Hoppy" for a drive around the grounds. "Hoppy" is from Sacramento county, where hops grow abundantly.

California's exhibit also shows a startling lifelike black bear, reared upon his haunches as if ready to hug the visitor. He is made of prunes, of the black variety so popular with boarding-house landladies in certain cities. His huge mouth is wide open, and one finds upon close examination that even his teeth and tongue are made of prunes of the lighter shades.

In Utah's exhibit there is a statue of a beautiful woman in beeswax. This dainty female is plump and solid, no framework being used; she is wax through and through, and is a work of art.

Louisiana furnishes a cotton negro. This is the only white negro on record. He has a black face, however, the cotton forming his face being dyed to the proper hue. The figure represents a typical cotton plantation darkey. He looks happy, and causes many a smile from the spectators.

In the Palace of Mines and Metallurgy is an iron man, a statue of Vulcan, 50 feet tall, cast in Birmingham, Ala. He is mounted upon a pedestal of coal and coke, and is the Goliath of the Exposition.

A statue of the famous Indian girl, Pocahontas, made of leaf tobacco, represents Virginia in both history and agriculture. Kansas has contributed a huge steer made entirely of corn. Red and white grains of corn give it color. Two big eagles made of corn husks add to the Kansas display a touch of American patriotism.

Figures moulded in butter are provided by several of the states, with proper refrigerating accommodations. There is an ingenious map of Oklahoma Territory made of the various kinds of woods in that territory. Indiana has a clock made entirely of wood, even to the wheels and main-spring.

As a feature of Alaska's mineral exhibit there is an ice box apparently made of gold. It is covered with gold leaf, and is designed to represent the "worthless icebox," as Alaska was contemptuously called when it was purchased from Russia for \$7,200,000.

Seed Corn.

I have a lot of 2 years old corn for sale. Will make good seed. Will sell by load or the whole lot. Also some early Amber cane seed, and some Kaffir corn seed.

H. H. BENJAMIN.

Quick Arrest.

J. A. Gullidge of Verbena, Ala., was twice in the hospital from a severe case of piles causing 24 tumors. After doctors and all remedies failed, Bucklin's Arnica Salve quickly arrested further inflammation and cured him. It conquers aches and kills pain. 25c, at J. H. Brown's.

Getting Our Share.

Laclede is getting nearer its full share of country trade now than ever before in the history of the town. And it is increasing right along. Last Saturday and again on Monday the live merchants who are advertising and hustling for business had a large trade, and it is the best class of trade too. Laclede merchants are paying the highest price for country produce and selling goods as cheap as they can be bought anywhere on earth. It pays farmers to drive eight or ten miles extra in order to do their trading in Laclede. We have been in business in Laclede just fourteen years this week and our faith in the town and her people is stronger today than ever before. Laclede is a solid, substantial and growing town and getting better all the time.

M. E. Church Notes.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m.

Epworth League 7 p. m.

Business meeting of the quarterly conference Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock. This is an important meeting. The attendance of all the official members is desired.

The rubber social at the home of Mrs. J. W. Lomax last Tuesday evening was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. A nice little sum was raised for the new church fund.

Preaching by the pastor at 11 o'clock next Sunday. Rev. W. F. Burris, presiding elder, will preach at night. The sacrament of the Lord's supper will be administered at the close of the morning service.

The young ladies of class No 3, M. E. Sunday school will serve ice cream and cake Tuesday May, 17, from 3 to 9 p. m. at the home of Miss Louise Burke. Fifteen cents a plate. Proceeds to be used toward placing a memorial window in the new church. Every body invited.

Oak Arbor Items.

Mrs. Frank Warner is on the sick list.

E. E. Toothaker of Laclede visited school Monday.

Mrs. R. Parker is visiting in Brookfield this week.

Misses Erma and Ellen Tooker visited at Mr. Penoyer's west of Laclede Wednesday.

Charley Marx who has been visiting relatives here the past two weeks returned to his home in California Thursday.

Mrs. Ulysses Strickland has been quite sick the past week. Her mother Mrs. Brahmer of Rothville is here taking care of her.

Miss Maudie Parker came home from Brookfield Sunday where she has been staying with her aunt, Mrs. Barnett for several months.

Miss Kate Ahrens, after spending two months with her brother John Ahrens and family, returned to her home at Grinnell, Iowa today.

Growing Aches and Pains.

Mrs. Josie Sumner, Bremond, Texas, writes, April 15, 1902: "I have used Ballard's Snow Liniment in my family for three years. I would not be without it in the house. I have used it on my little girl for growing pains and aches in her knees. It cured her right away. I have also used it for frost bitten feet, with good success. 'It is the best liniment ever used.' 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold by Dr. J. T. Stephenson.

Notice to Trespassers.

All persons caught hunting or fishing on my property will be prosecuted. You can save yourself trouble by keeping out. J. H. PRESTON.

Charley Marx is here from California visiting his father, Joseph Marx, east of town.

HERE AND THERE.

Local Items of the Week Gathered For the Busy Blade Readers.

C. C. Bigger was looking after court matters at Macon Thursday.

H. E. Maybee was in Brookfield Monday evening on insurance business.

Mrs. A. J. Caywood and Miss Laura Love were in Brookfield Thursday.

Farmers will do well to consider Margrave Bros., offer. See their ad on page 5.

E. M. Lockridge was on the Kansas City market with a car of hogs Tuesday.

C. S. Welsh is remodeling and building an addition to his farm residence.

J. A. Crowder was here from Brookfield Wednesday on a real estate deal.

A. V. Moore is building a new barn on his place in the northeast part of town.

Miss Lula Cotter went to Chillicothe Wednesday to visit a month with her sister.

Mrs. S. M. Brown invites her friends to come in and inspect her stock, before buying elsewhere.

Miss Edith Strickler, of Meadville, was the guest of Miss Leona Strickler, on Wednesday and Thursday.

W. S. Staley and wife were here from Indiana the first of the week visiting relatives, guest of the family of Wm. Mize.

John H. Smith moved his family to Quincy this week where he has a position as night watchman on the excursion steamer.

J. W. Power and his brother-in-law, Howard Parr, from near Linneus have been at St. Louis attending the World's Fair the past week.

Pascal Knight, one of Laclede oldest colored citizens, was baptized at the tank pond last Sunday afternoon. A large crowd was out to witness the ceremony.

E. P. Wood representing the North American Accident insurance company of Chicago, has been working here this week and took quite a number of applications.

The regular May term of circuit court convenes at Linneus next Monday. The bar docket is printed in THE BLADE today. There are fifty-four cases on the docket.

The Modern Brotherhood lodge of Laclede is enjoying a fine growth in membership. Five new members have been added to the roll this week and other applications are pending.

A gentleman from Cameron has rented the Standly room vacated by the harness shop and about the first of next month will open up a stock of groceries, glassware and queensware.

Marion M. Wingate, and Mrs. Nora K. Patchen, widow of the late Duane Patchen who lived southwest of Laclede, have been licensed to wed. Mrs. Patchen now lives near Linneus.

Chas. A. Berry, one of our many prompt paying subscribers out on the rural route, was in town last Saturday and called and paid his annual dues and will read THE BLADE for another year.

Allen Inman and wife returned to their home at Danford, Mo., on Friday of last week after a pleasant visit with Mr. Inman's sister, Mrs. Sherman Huddleston and family out on rural route.

Sidney Margrave, a member of the firm of Margrave Bros., the leading groceries of Brookfield, was in Laclede Thursday meeting old friends and called an engaged advertising space in THE BLADE.

Mrs. Dot O'Neal DeMers, Anaconda, Mont., writes THE BLADE this week enclosing a remittance on subscription and sending best wishes and kind regards to her many Laclede friends.

Mrs. Sapp, wife of Rev. Sapp, a former pastor of the M. E. church at Brookfield, died at the family home in Hamilton Wednesday. The remains were taken to Brookfield yesterday for burial.

Mrs. O. J. Doan and her niece, Miss Florence McNish, of Brookfield with their friend Miss Jennie Harris, of St. Louis, spent Monday with Mrs. Doan's sister, Mrs. J. W. Clements, in Laclede.

H. H. Matthew, one of the big farmers out south of Brookfield, was in Laclede on Friday of last week and called and renewed for THE BLADE. There are few better men than Harry Matthew.

J. H. Bagenstos, who bought the Hogsett farm a mile west of Forker and moved down from Iowa last Spring, was in town trading with our merchants last Monday, and called and enrolled with THE BLADE for a year.

F. E. Smith has traded his farm west of town for a 360 acre farm in Kingman county Kansas. Mr. Smith expects to move to Kansas this fall. His Kansas farm is pretty well improved and promises a good wheat crop this season.

A. J. Caywood, wife and daughter, will leave tomorrow noon for St. Louis to attend the annual meeting of the Missouri Press Association to be held at the Inside Inn on the World's Fair grounds beginning Monday. They will also spend several days at the fair.

The Laclede mill shipped a car of ground feed to Hannibal Tuesday. The mill has been supplying the local market and neighboring towns for several weeks and has now begun shipping by the car load. The mill is also doing a large amount of custom work and is giving satisfaction in every case.

The east bound passenger train due here at 12:15 p. m. was an hour and a half late Tuesday on account of the partial destruction by fire of the bridge between here and Meadville. The train was held while a bridge gang repaired the structure. The fire is supposed to have originated from an engine spark.

E. E. Standard, who recently moved from here to Colorado Springs, Colo., sends a remittance this week to renew for THE BLADE, Globe Democrat and Kansas City Journal. Mr. Standard is on the road representing a paint company in western territory and was at Prescott, Arizona, when he wrote.

THE BLADE is always glad to receive news items from the country. Many times our farmer friends have visitors from a distance or go on a trip themselves or make new improvements that are worthy of mention, but many are lost because we do not hear of them. Send us a postal card or call up No 11 and the information will be thankfully received.

Rev. E. L. Robison attended a meeting of the M. E. church extension board at Chillicothe last Tuesday. The Laclede church filed an application with the board for \$500 to assist in building the new church. The request was granted but on account of the numerous requests and lack of funds the amount was cut to \$200. Chief among the churches which asked aid were those of Memphis, St. Joseph, Laclede, Novenger, and St. Catherine, all the churches asked for \$500 except that of St. Catherine, which put in its claim for \$250. The available funds were pro-rated among the several churches.

MISSOURI CROP REPORT

Furnished by the United States Weather Bureau at Columbia.

The past week averaged slightly warmer than usual in all sections of the state, but closed cool. During the fore part the weather was very favorable for farming operations, but showers during the latter part stopped all work, except in some of the western and southern counties, where the rainfall was comparatively light. The total rainfall for the week exceeded 1 inch over nearly all of the northern and western counties, and in some localities very heavy showers occurred, a few stations reporting falls of over 3 inches. Destructive hailstorms occurred in a few localities in the central and western counties, doing some damage to fruit.

During the fore part of the week plowing and planting progressed rapidly, except in a few of the northern counties, where the soil was too wet, but in most sections work has been at a standstill since the 5th, and in some districts it will be several days before planting can be resumed. In many of the southwestern and a few of the southeastern counties corn planting is nearly completed, but in a majority of the central and northern counties only a small acreage has yet been planted, and in some of the northern counties but little ground has yet been plowed. Much of the corn planted in the southwestern counties before the heavy rains of April 23-25th rotted and is being replanted. That planted later is generally coming up well, and in the extreme southern counties some has been cultivated. Cotton planting, in the extreme southwestern counties, has been further retarded by rains and the wet condition of the soil, but is about completed in some localities. Some early planted cotton is ready for chopping out. In a few localities there is complaint that wheat is turning yellow owing to an excess of moisture, but as a rule it continues to make good progress. In a few of the southeastern counties some early wheat is in boot. Rye is beginning to head in the central and southern counties. Oats continue very unpromising in some districts, especially in some of the southwestern counties but in general a considerable improvement is noted in their condition and in many counties they are doing well. Garden vegetables that are up are generally growing well. Potatoes are about all planted and are coming up well, except in some of the central counties, where there is complaint of rotting. Grasses are making good growth and pastures generally afford sufficient feed for stock. The outlook for tree fruits, except peaches, continues very promising in nearly all counties. Strawberries promise a heavy yield, and picking has begun in the extreme southwestern counties.

Every housekeeper should know that if they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because each package contains 16 oz.—one full pound—while all other Cold Water Starches are put up in 8 pound packages, and the price is the same, 10c. Then again because defiance starch is free from all injurious chemicals. If your grocer tries to sell you a 12-oz package it is because he has a stock on hand which he wishes to dispose of before he puts in Defiance. He knows that Defiance Starch has printed on every package in large letters and figures "16 oz." Demand Defiance and save much time and money and the annoyance of the iron sticking. Defiance never sticks.